

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Ecuador
Program Title:	Democratic Governance and Local Development
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	518-XX1
Status:	New in FY 2007
Planned FY 2006 Obligation:	\$0
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:	\$2,000,000 CSH; \$1,000,000 DA; \$2,178,000 ESF
Year of Initial Obligation:	2007
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2012

Summary: The Democratic Governance and Local Development program will build upon current programs and support USG efforts to further democracy in Ecuador by reinforcing key trends associated with deepening of democracy, e.g. efforts to build legitimacy of public institutions, particularly at the local level, and to counter trends that threaten the democracy consolidation process: corruption, lack of personal security, and political instability. The program will focus on two sectors: Support Democratic Local Governance and Development, and Strengthen Civil Society.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2006 Program:

There are no activities planned.

FY 2007 Program:

Strengthen Civil Society (\$1,100,000 ESF). USAID will support the locally targeted efforts of civil society organizations (NGOs, professional business associations, trade unions, community development and self-help groups) to improve their capacity to make key policy contributions, consolidate effective oversight and transparency practices, enhance accountability of elected officials, and management of public funds. Civil society organizations will contribute to the improved regulatory environment at the local level by overseeing judicial institutions and helping to formulate concrete actions that enhance the legal environment, alternative dispute resolution and community mediation. To increase public participation and to prepare future local leaders, USAID will support civic education campaigns to re-introduce civic values and ethics codes in schools, local governments, businesses, and professional and civic associations. The program will support the 2008 local elections by sponsoring events to discuss candidates' economic development plans, and their compliance with campaign financing and other electoral laws. Finally, USAID will support the development, discussion and analysis of local opinion polls to generate better understanding and debate of key issues. Prime implementers: To be determined through a competitive process.

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$2,000,000 CSH; \$1,000,000 DA; \$1,078,000 ESF): Support will include strengthening local government management and service delivery, and in coordination with the new Alternative Development and Natural Resources, Trade and Competitiveness programs, improve local regulatory conditions, infrastructure and incentives for local economic growth. USAID will work with the central government, other donors, NGOs, and the private sector to leverage resources and investments necessary to further decentralization and promote local economic growth. USAID will use ESF funds to support, at the local level, the development of economic pilot programs to improve the regulatory and investment

environment, so that existing enterprises can expand and new businesses are attracted to these municipalities. As a result of this effort, new jobs will be created, incomes will increase and the tax base will be expanded and will also increase. This increase in tax revenues will further stimulate the municipalities to provide the necessary infrastructure to promote more business development as well as to provide better service to residents.

USAID will also fund technical assistance and training to strengthen the capacity of local governments to coordinate and improve child and maternal health service delivery, and to expand and implement a Direct Observation Treatment Strategy (DOTS) for tuberculosis. USAID may also support the development of a tuberculosis surveillance system, in coordination with The Global Fund Tuberculosis Grant for Ecuador.

USAID plans to implement education activities that will focus on: supporting alternative/municipal-run primary schools, particularly in literacy and math; improving the quality and opportunities for primary teacher training; and developing democratic values curricula and dissemination materials thru primary schools. Prime implementers: To be determined through a competitive process.

Performance and Results: By the end of the program expected results include: innovative pilot experiences of effective, participatory, transparent decentralized governance will have been completed and replicated; new municipalities and provincial governments will have assumed decentralized functions and be providing effective services; citizen satisfaction with public services and governance will have increased by 15%, as measured by public opinion polls; civil society models to oversee democratic processes and institutions will have been institutionalized in at least 50 cities; and models for promoting local economic development will have been developed, tested and replicated.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Ecuador

518-XX1 Democratic Governance and Local Development	CSH	DA	ESF
Through September 30, 2004			
Obligations	0	0	0
Expenditures	0	0	0
Unliquidated	0	0	0
Fiscal Year 2005			
Obligations	0	0	0
Expenditures	0	0	0
Through September 30, 2005			
Obligations	0	0	0
Expenditures	0	0	0
Unliquidated	0	0	0
Prior Year Unobligated Funds			
Obligations	0	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA			
Obligations	0	0	0
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006			
Obligations	0	0	0
Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA			
Obligations	2,000	1,000	2,178
Future Obligations	0	0	0
Est. Total Cost	2,000	1,000	2,178

